Smuggling of Narcotic Drugs

1618. SHRI IQBAL SINGH:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of narcotic drugs smuggled in the Country during the last three years;

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to prevent smuggling of narcotic drugs in the country; and

(c) to what extent these measures have been proved effective to control smuggling of narcotic drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Smuggling being a clandestine activity, it is not possible to assess any details about the narcotic drugs smuggled in the Country. However, the quantity of narcotic drugs seized in the country during the last three years, with number of cases in brackets, is furnished in the table below:—

(Quantity in Kgs.)

Drug Seized	1990	1991	1992 (Prov.)
Opium	2114 (506)	2145 (566)	1918 (1286)
Morphine . . .	6 (27)	6 (21)	35 (158)
Heroin	2193 (764)	622 (1158)	1153 (2779)
Ganja	39090 (1782)	52633 (3140)	64341 (5839)
Hashish	6388 (753)	4413 (335)	6621 (2516)
Cocaine	1 (2)	0.008 (1)	0.420 (4)
Methaqualone . . .	2141 (60)	4415 (78)	7475 (167)
Phenobarbital . .	..	..	118020 Tabs. (2)

(b) Arrangements for gathering of intelligence and exchange of intelligence between the different agencies have been streamlined. Training is being imparted to the enforcement offcers of various agencies to improve their effectiveness. A part of the Indo-Pakistan border has bten fenced. The Strength of enforcement agencies in the border areas has been enhanctd. Equipment has also been supplied to some enforcement agencies to improve their mobality and communication facilities in the border areas.

(c) Stringent measures taken by the Government have shown good results as would be seen from the larger seizures (except in the case of Opium) and larger number of cases in 1992.

Possession of Assets on High Side by Punjab and Sind Bank Official

1619. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vigilance Department of Punjab and Sind Bank has found that an Assistant General Manger heading its Merchant Banking Bureau has assets disproportionate to his known sources of income;